

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 307 – HB 409

February 9, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Beginning in calendar year 2010, requires judicial commissioners to complete twelve hours of continuing education each year. This training will be conducted by the Judicial Commissioners Association of Tennessee, the Tennessee Court Clerks Association, continuing legal education, or local in-service education. Cost of training will be paid by the county.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures - \$25,800*

Assumptions:

- According to the Judicial Commissioners Association of Tennessee, there are approximately 215 judicial commissioners statewide.
- Annual cost per commissioner for training is \$120 (\$35 membership fee + \$85 conference fee = \$120).
- The estimated increase in local government expenditures for judicial commissioner training is \$25,800 annually.
- The required training begins in the middle of a fiscal year. The cost of the training will be incurred in the first six months of the calendar year. Therefore county expenditures will increase beginning in FY09-10 in order to pay for training in the first six months of calendar year 2010.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director

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